

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARGENTA, ILLINOIS
#18-03-05 R05
MONDAY MARCH 05, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL, 330 N WARREN STREET, ARGENTA, ILLINOIS

Call to Order: Mayor Luedke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Luedke and Trustees Crowder, Kaufman, Hanna and Pagel were present. Trustees Grider and Barker were absent. Also in attendance were Street Superintendent Ken Smith and Clerk Sherry Koszesza. Residents in attendance were Chief Logan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2018 #18-02-19 R04
2. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of February 19, 2018, #18-02-19 E01
3. Approval of Disbursements #18-03-05 D05
 - Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Kaufman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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| Grider = | Absent |
| Barker = | Absent |
| Crowder= | Yes |
| Kaufman = | Yes |
| Hanna = | Yes |
| Pagel = | Yes |

Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was none.

Recognition of Visitors: There were none.

Department Reports:

1. Law Enforcement Report. There was none.
2. Village Staff Reports. Christmas lights are down. Street Superintendent Ken Smith is doing some simple drainage improvements. Trustee Pagel asked about the injector valves. They are on order.
3. Mayor's Report. Mayor Luedke will be gone Wednesday and Thursday to the Rural Development Conference.
4. Attorney's Report. There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

- Discuss/Vote on Ordinance #18-03-05 Ord01, an Ordinance addressing the payment of cable television franchise fees in the Village of Argenta. Mayor Luedke said that we have had a contract for years. It now requires an ordinance for the Village to receive the franchise fees. The fees will be the same. Attorney Ed Flynn looked at the ordinance and it is good.

- Trustee Pagel moved and Trustee Crowder seconded to approve Ordinance #18-03-05 Ord01.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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| Grider = | Absent |
| Barker = | Absent |
| Crowder= | Yes |
| Kaufman = | Yes |
| Hanna = | Yes |
| Pagel = | Yes |

Motion carried.

- Discuss/Vote on further legal action at 205 E Rt. 48. Mayor Luedke said that there are 3 semi-trailers in the back and an open scale pit. We have asked them to fill the pit in and they have had excuses. They have said that it was taken care of when it wasn't. The attorney said that there could be a fine levied that would recoup our attorney fees. Trustee Hanna asked if a law suit had been filed since the papers were dated November. Trustee Hanna said that the trailers would be hard to move. Decatur Trailer could be there in a matter of a couple of days. Trustee Hanna asked if he had paid the fine. Yes. Trustee Kaufman asked if there was a response to the last letter. No. Trustee Hanna asked what the owner planned to do with the property. Mayor Luedke didn't know. The owner had said that it was tied up in an estate. Trustee Hanna asked if Ed Flynn could do a title search. Mayor Luedke said that we had discussed putting a lien on the property but that doesn't matter if he doesn't sell it. Trustee Hanna asked if we could go onto someone's property. Ken said yes, to enforce an ordinance. Ken said that according to the tax record it is in Jim Wheelock's name. Trustee Hanna said that one of the letters gave him a year to move the trailers. Trustee Hanna said that we could send another strong letter to him and then send him a letter for a lawsuit on June 24th if the trailers are still there. Mayor Luedke said that we can fine him. Trustee Pagel said fine him. Trustee Hanna asked if we could fill the pit. Ken didn't want to do that. Trustee Hanna asked if we could have him put some lumber over it for now. Trustee Hanna asked if the Village was now liable since we have sent him letters. Mayor Luedke will ask Ed Flynn. We can fine him separately for each offense. Mayor Luedke asked if the Board wanted to fine him per day. Trustee Pagel said yes. Trustee Hanna suggested sending a letter to give him 7 days to get the pit filled in and then fine him. We will give him 10 days, start at \$75.00, double it after 30 days, mention 3 businesses that could help, and restate that the trailers need to be moved by June 23rd. Trustee Hanna said that if he tries to make an effort then maybe we can help him out and give him some more time. No motion was needed. A letter will be sent March 6th.
- Discuss creation of new liquor license for a gambling parlor. Mayor Luedke was approached last week about a possible gambling parlor. Mayor Luedke said that there is the same amount of money going through 10 machines as we had with 5 machines. Trustee Pagel asked if there was a liquor license involved. Mayor Luedke said yes, and they would have to serve some sort of food. Mayor Luedke thinks that it would be over saturation and she isn't for it. Mayor Luedke said that Monticello did add one gaming parlor but that is the only smaller town that she knows of that has one. Trustee Hanna asked what we would make off of the license. \$1500.00 per year. Trustee Pagel asked if there was a plan presented with this. Mayor Luedke said no. Mayor Luedke said that it doesn't take long to

create a license if we need one. Trustee Hanna said that if one of the other bars were to close down that we need to open to another business. Trustee Hanna asked if the potential buyer was from here. Mayor Luedke doesn't know. Trustee Hanna said that he thinks they need to present a business plan. The Board isn't interested in pursuing this further at this point. Mayor Luedke reminded the Board of the Appropriations meeting on March 26th. Mayor Luedke said that Sherry will try to fill in some of the items that are constants. She told them to think about raises for employees. Trustee Pagel asked about the generator and the grant. Ken said that the USDA has the paperwork and we are still waiting. Mayor Luedke said that she would like to request a Winings grant for a generator for this building. Trustee Hanna asked if we could have the last 3 years of what we have spent on things like water main breaks and if we had an idea of how much sidewalks need to be replaced right now. Ken said that there are about 400 places where sewers went in and they have sunk. Trustee Pagel said that the tree trimmers from Ameren have never come through. Trustee Pagel said that we need to press Ameren about that. Ken said that we need to think about trading in the mower. It is 14 years old. Trustee Pagel asked if we might look at a zero turn. Ken said we would get about \$3500 trade in. Trustee Hanna asked how long a new one would last. Ken thought maybe 7 years. Trustee Hanna asked about a small tractor with attachments. Trustee Pagel is for a zero turn for the speed. Trustee Kaufman asked if Sherry can project for the final 2 months expenses.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Adjournment

- Trustee Kaufman moved, and Trustee Pagel seconded, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

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| Grider = | Absent |
| Barker = | Absent |
| Crowder= | Yes |
| Kaufman= | Yes |
| Hanna = | Yes |
| Pagel = | Yes |

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Clerk Sherry Koszesza